





# Jewish guides protest exclusion from Jericho, Bethlehem

HAIM SHAPIRO and EVELYN GORDON

NO Jews are being allowed into Bethlehem and Jericho, and it is the army which is keeping them out, according to Shmuel Bar-Ei, chairman of the Israel Tour Guides Association.

Bar-Ei, speaking at an emergency meeting of the association on Monday night to discuss the present crisis in tourism, said that buses owned by Israeli Arabs, with Israeli Arab drivers, have been going into Bethlehem and Jericho. It is only the Jewish-owned companies, with Jewish drivers, which have to stop at the IDF barrier, forcing their tourists to walk a few hundred meters to a point where they are taken by a Palestinian bus.

The IDF has said that it is barring all Israelis from Area A, the area under Palestinian control, of which Bethlehem is a part, because of fears for the safety of Israelis there. Originally, the army also barred Israeli journalists, but it later relented on that decision.

Bar-Ei said that the association has appealed to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai in an effort to change the army ruling regarding guides and drivers.

"We are fighting for our existence," said Bar-Ei, who said that tourism by groups using guides was down by 30-40 percent compared to last year.

The official rate for guides is \$100 a day, but even in good times most guides only work 15 to 20 days a month, he said. Most do not benefit from unemployment compensation when there is no work, he said, because they do not work a minimum of 150 days a year.

Those attending the gathering condemned the practice whereby non-certified guides, mostly Christian clergy leading pilgrims, are allowed to guide groups, despite laws to the contrary. The group also called upon the Tourism Ministry to allo-

cate NIS10 million in emergency compensation for the guides to carry them through this period.

Meanwhile, Knesset Economics Committee chairman Elie Goldschmidt (Labor) and committee member Avi Yehezkel (Labor) said yesterday that they plan to submit a bill to compensate the tourism industry for the damage it is suffering on account of the recent violence, similar to the bill which compensates farmers for natural disasters. Goldschmidt said such compensation is justified because, just as in a natural disaster, the damage the industry is suffering now is completely beyond its control.

Ruby Harley, head of the Tourism Ministry's overseas division, told the committee that the industry has been in a deep slump since March, due to the suicide bombings and then Operation Grapes of Wrath. The quiet over the past few months had made the ministry hope the winter season would be better, he said, "but with the opening of the tunnel, we now expect the damage to continue until spring 1997."

In September, the ministry had embarked on a \$5.8 million advertising campaign in Europe and the US, but the recent violence necessitated its cancellation, he added. "We believe it is possible to overcome the crisis... if the situation stays calm, and if we get a budget of NIS 100m. over the next three years," Harley concluded.

Industry representatives also stressed the damage they are suffering and the need for government assistance to ensure that offices and hotels do not shut down. Avi Rosenthal, director-general of the Israel Hotel Association, said that since tour packages are generally sold six to nine months in advance, the hoteliers are worried less about the immediate future than about the Christmas and Pessah seasons.



French tourists walk past an IDF checkpoint yesterday to visit Bethlehem, which Israeli tour buses have been barred from entering. (Reuters)

# Wakf closes Temple Mount to non-Moslems

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM'S Moslem leaders have temporarily closed the Temple Mount to all but Moslem worshippers, on grounds the site should not be open to the public so soon after three Palestinians were allegedly killed by police during rioting there two weeks ago.

There are contradictory reports on when the mount was closed. Wakf officials said it was shut down immediately after the September 28 clashes with police. But police said it has only been closed for the past several days.

Yehuda Etzion, head of the Hai Velayam group that demands an end to Moslem authority on the mount, said the move shows the Palestinians, and not Israel, have final say at the site.

Police sources said the mount was closed after consultations with Wakf officials, and that police approved of the move. "The only one hurt by the closure is the Wakf itself, which makes money from visitors," a police source said.

Wakf director Adnan Husseini said Jerusalem's Moslem leaders would decide tomorrow when the mount would be reopened. "We can't have it opened when the blood of our relatives who were killed by police is still fresh on the ground," Husseini said.

Meanwhile, the B'Tselem human rights group announced yesterday it conducted an investigation into the September 28 clashes at the Temple Mount, and found that "police used lethal weapons in situations in which their lives were not threatened."

The group also claims to have evidence that police used live ammunition in breaking up the demonstrations after Friday prayers at Al-Aksa. The evidence is to be presented today at a Jerusalem press conference.

A Jerusalem police spokeswoman declined to comment on B'Tselem's findings, on grounds the Justice Ministry's Police Investigations Division is conducting an inquiry into the matter.

# Capital's Migdal Ha'ir evacuated after fire

BILL HUTMAN

THE 22-story Migdal Ha'ir building in central Jerusalem was evacuated yesterday after smoke began billowing from a ground-floor restaurant's chimney. Firefighters feared the building would catch on fire.

A firefighter and policemen were lightly injured, but the fire was brought under control quickly before any damage was done to the building.

"I don't want to think about what could have resulted if we hadn't arrived at the scene quick-

ly," Jerusalem fire chief Rami Yaffe said.

Yaffe said grease apparently caught fire in the chimney of the grill of the Mi Vami restaurant.

"The chimney runs through the building's parking lot and then up through the 22 floors to the roof and could have easily set fires on any of the floors," Yaffe said.

The fire chief said the building has an emergency staircase as required by law, but that he would recommend an additional emergency exit be added.

# Health food products to be allowed to claim benefits

JUDY SIEGEL

THE law banning food companies from making therapeutic claims for their products has been amended, and the Health Ministry will now allow foods with low-fat, low-sugar, low-sodium and high-fiber contents to be labeled as being beneficial to health.

The amendments, approved this week by the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee, were prepared by the ministry. For example, low-salt products can claim to be good for patients with hypertension; low-sugar products may say they are for diabetics, losing weight or reducing dental caries; low-fat products can claim they are for people with cardiovascular diseases; and high-fiber products can be labeled as helping to prevent colon cancer.

Dr. Brian Coussin, director of the ministry's Food Service Division, said yesterday that the

amendments do not yet allow companies selling products like herbs, garlic or yoghurt to maintain that these are beneficial to health or prevent or treat medical conditions. But he expects that additional changes within the coming year will allow this too.

The new rules set down exactly what wording the packages and advertisements may use, and how many grams of salt, sugar and fat per 100 grams constitute a small amount.

In recent years, many food manufacturers have been claiming that their various products "shrink" enlarged prostates, reduce the incidence of gynecological infections, protect people from heart attacks and so on. The ministry has filed complaints against some of them, but newspaper ads continue to make exaggerated, unproven and illegal claims.

# Mobile intensive care unit treats boy after scorpion bite

A Magen David Adom mobile intensive care unit on Monday saved a five-year-old Jerusalem boy who suffered anaphylactic shock after being bitten by a scorpion. The MICU team found the sweating and pale child at the Armon Hanatziv clinic of Kupat Holim Clalit was having serious respiratory difficulties. During treatment, his condition deteriorated and he stopped breathing. The MICU team performed a tracheotomy and artificial respiration.

He was taken to Shaare Zedek Hospital's intensive care unit in serious but stable condition. Yesterday he was disconnected from a respirator and feeling much better. Judy Siegel

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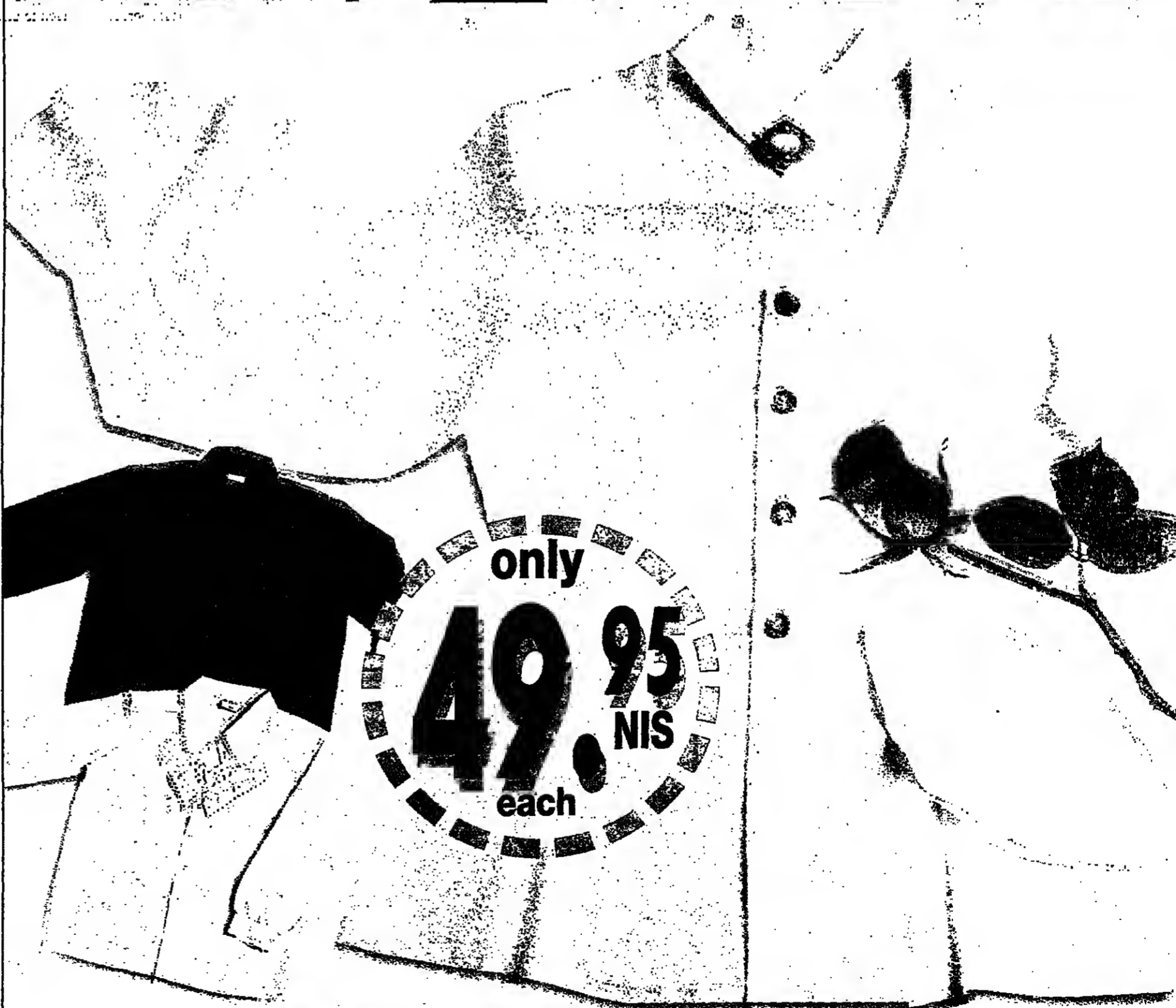


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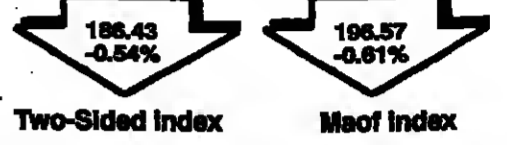




Shares fall as investors await reports

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



SHARES declined yesterday as investors assessed the peace talks and awaited a September inflation report and third-quarter earnings.

Industries Ltd., the nation's largest company, down 1.75% on trading of NIS 3.6 billion.

"Among foreign clients, it's quiet" said Yaron Pitaru, head of research at Ofek Securities in Tel Aviv. "They're not panicking, not selling, but not buying aggressively. They want to see that the peace process won't crash."

Also leading the market lower were Discount Bank Investments and Israel Chemicals, each down 1.5%. Backing the trend were Ameriaco-Israeli Paper Mills Ltd., up 2.5%; the medical-equipment maker Elbit Ltd., up 1%; and Elroo Electronic Industries Ltd., a technology holding company, also up 1%.

In addition, investors are looking toward a relatively low September inflation figure, Pitaru said. "Estimates for the figure, to be reported next Tuesday, are for a monthly increase of 0.5 percent or 0.6%."

Electra Consumer Products rose 4%, while Discount Bank gained 1%.

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Eurobourses stage recovery as Dow rallies

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - A firmer start on Wall Street yesterday reversed early losses on European stock exchanges that were digressing record highs hit by no fewer than eight bourses on Monday.

London, Europe's biggest exchange, closed at a record high on the back of Wall Street, where the Dow jumped the 6,000-point hurdle about an hour after its opening. It failed to sustain gains above that level, however, and was up about six points at 5,986 but when the London market closed.

London rallied after an early

divine when the government said shareholders would no longer be able to claim tax credits on share buybacks or special dividend payouts.

The surprise statement initially wiped almost 30 points off the FTSE Index. But it closed 4.1 points higher at 4035.6 - its third consecutive record close.

In Frankfurt, Germao shares ended floor trading weaker, before Wall Street opened, but post-bourse electronic trading reversed most of the losses.

ARAFAT

(Continued from Page 1) "We have signed agreements and we must both honor these agreements and honor their implementation on the ground. Negotiations will be the instrument for solving our differences," he added.

He suggested that the talks currently taking place at Erez checkpoint be held continuously at Taba and Eilat until a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

"The most important thing is to hold continuous meetings in a certain place like Taba or Eilat. These two groups, Israeli and Palestinian, must work day and night until they arrive at a certain

GOLD

(Continued from Page 1) Foreign Ministry acting director-general Eitan Bentsur is convening special internal consultations tomorrow on the troubled relations with Jordan.

Netanyahu yesterday also called for continued dialogue with the Arab world despite current differences of opinion. Speaking to members of the coalition and afterward to the press, Netanyahu said the talks must go on.

"I think it important to continue the dialogue with Arab leaders. To

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

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Naomi Ziv



(Alon Ron/Izrael Sun) Ofer Cohen

## Savyon millionairess held in murder plot to kill husband

NAOMI Ziv, the millionairess from Savyon suspected of plotting with her lover, gardener Ofer Cohen, to murder her husband by planting two IDF fragmentation grenades under his jeep, was placed under house arrest for eight days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. Cohen was remanded for six days.

Police appealed the court's decision, and Judge Rachel Greenberg agreed to keep Ziv in custody until a District Court judge hears the appeal today.

On Sunday night, Naomi Ziv discovered the grenades underneath her husband's car and alerted sappers, who defused them. It is still unclear why she looked underneath the jeep.

### RAINE MARCUS

Moshe Ziv, a real estate agent who deals in property abroad, told police that he returned from the US recently, to discover that his wife was having an affair with the gardener employed to care for the gardeo surrounding their villa. The Zivs are in the process of divorcing.

Police found IDF explosives and firearms at Cohen's home and are examining whether they are linked to the IDF grenades installed under Ziv's vehicle. Coheo said that the weapons are necessary for his reserve duty, since he is an officer in a combat unit.

Both Ziv and Cohen admitted to having the

affair, but vehemently denied planting the grenades, which had they exploded, probably would have killed the vehicle's driver and passengers.

Defense lawyer Sassi Gez said in court yesterday that police do not have any evidence against his clients, and complained bitterly against the "unjustified arrests."

"Maybe Moshe Ziv planted the grenades," Gez suggested, adding that Naomi also drove the same jeep. "Or maybe someone else planted the grenades because Moshe Ziv owes money."

The couple, Gez added, are in the middle of ugly divorce proceedings, including bitter quarrels over property and assets.

## Opposition members walk out of Absorption Committee meeting

A MEETING of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee broke down yesterday when members of opposition parties walked out.

Chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) called the meeting to discuss a recent report raising suspicions of mismanagement and corruption in the Council for Absorption, which is a public body. However, the committee members refused to address the issue before receiving a copy of the report, so Blumenthal changed the subject to a more general discussion on the council's functions.

### LIAT COLLINS

Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein (Yisrael Ba'Aliya) did not respond to an invitation to the meeting.

The report which prompted Blumenthal to call the meeting has not yet been presented to the committee members, although sections have been quoted in the press. Blumenthal has called for the council to be dissolved.

Naomi Chazao (Meretz) and Ofir Pines (Lahor) objected to

the discussion going ahead before they received the report. Pines said he would work based on rumors, while Chazao accused Blumenthal of acting out of political motives.

Zvi Kasa, the council's representative, also asked the discussion be postponed.

Meretz MK Yossi Sarid said nobody but Blumenthal was interested in holding the discussion, and one after the other committee members from opposition parties left the room, leaving former Immigration and Absorption minister Yair Tzaban in an embarrassing situation as an invited guest unable to walk out.

Blumenthal said the public had a right to know about the council and if the committee was not prepared to discuss details before seeing the report it should at least learn some more about the council's work and apparatus.

She told reporters the walk-out was politically motivated and she stood firm on the principle that the committee had both the right and obligation to oversee the work of the public body.

## Public Defender's Office broke after a month's work

EVELYN GORDON

THE newly established Public Defender's Office exhausted its budget a month after it began work, and will be forced to close if more funds are not forthcoming.

Public Defender Kenneth Mann warned the Knesset Law Committee yesterday. Mann also told the committee that some 80% of all defendants are not represented by a lawyer during remand hearings, while 50% do not have the benefit of a lawyer during their actual trials. This is a lower percentage of representation than in any other country in the Western world, he said.

The Public Defender's Office opened in June with a budget of NIS 8 million, with which, Mann said, it was expected to handle some 10,000 cases. This would work out to a budget of about NIS 800 per case. As a result of this severe underbudgeting, it ran out of funds within the first month.

Since then, it has continued working, but none of its lawyers have been paid, and this situation cannot continue much longer, Mann said.

The Treasury recently promised the office an additional NIS 6 million to help it through the rest of the year. However, Mann said, this is not enough. He therefore asked the committee to help it obtain the necessary funds.

Committee chairman Shaul Yehalom (NRP) promised that the committee would do what it could to help the office. The figures Mann presented regarding the large number of people who do not have legal representation are scandalous, he said, and this situation cannot be tolerated.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi asked the committee for 30 days in which to review the situation and try to work out ways to fund the office. The committee agreed to this request.

Currently, the Public Defender's Office operates only in the Tel Aviv region, and represents only defendants who face possible prison sentences of 10 years or more. It is eventually supposed to open offices in other parts of the country, but this depends on its budget.

## Knesset House Committee rejects proposal to cancel MKs' wage increase

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset House Committee yesterday rejected proposals for MKs to give up their 33 percent salary rise.

Committee chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) said some MKs were using the proposal to forgo the wage hike to demand a return to their previous higher pension rates and the right to moonlight at other jobs.

According to the recommendations of a committee led by Ariel Rosen-Zvi, which took several years to implement, MKs received a 33% wage hike but were forced to accept a drop in their annual pensions from 4% to 2% and a ban on outside work.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichoo also objects to a return to the previous situation.

Pinhasi said he was obliged to raise the subject at the request of certain MKs, but was pleased the committee rejected the proposals.

MK Yehuda Harel (Third Way) asked the committee to delay the wage hike by at least a year in view of the budget cuts and because it would result in a wave of salary hikes among others in the senior civil service and its pensioners. Harel, however, objected to the idea of a return to the previous benefits for MKs.

Having heard the tone of the opposition to his request, Harel decided not to bring the matter to a vote.

Knesset Legal Advisor Zvi Inbar noted that MKs who violate the new regulations would be punished by having their salaries suspended for up to a year.

The ban on additional work for new MKs comes into effect in December.

## Journalists file police complaint against threats in Meshulam publication

RAINE MARCUS

THE Tel Aviv Journalists' Association has filed a complaint with Insp.-Geo. Assaf Hefetz, asking him to investigate threats against journalists published by Uzi Meshulam, who is serving a prison sentence for charges arising from a two-month siege in his Yehud house.

A pamphlet published by Meshulam prior to his imprisonment accused the establishment of being responsible for the disappearance of Yemnite children in the 1950s, and contained articles railing against the police and authorities. The leaflet is still being published, and now includes articles against journalists.

The pamphlet is now written and distributed by Meshulam's supporters outside prison, but Meshulam apparently controls the publication from his prison cell.

Several days ago, Yediot Aharanot journalist Yehudit Yehezkieli, after seeing threats against her and other journalists in the publication, filed a complaint with Rebovot police. The journalists' association joined the complaint, asking police to put an end to the incitement and threats by Meshulam and his group.

Association chairman Arye Avneri yesterday faxed Hefetz asking him to launch an urgent investigation into Meshulam's behavior, to "stop the publication and distribution of the leaflet, by remote control from prison, and to prevent the continuation of threats against journalists and attempts to keep their mouths closed."

Meshulam was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment after he and 11 of his followers were convicted of endangering lives and illegal possession of weapons while barricading themselves in Meshulam's home and demanding an inquiry into the disappearance of Yemnite children in the 1950s.



Forecast: Partly cloudy. No change in temperatures.

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Chennai	07	18	19	66
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Tokyo	07	18	19	66
Yokohama	07	18	19	66

### Winning numbers and cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning numbers were the queen of spades, the ten of hearts, the seven of diamonds and the king of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 11, 13, 26, 33, 36 and 41, and the additional number was 32.

### Na'amat threatens legal action against Histadrut

NA'AMAT is threatening to take legal action against the Histadrut unless the latter immediately transfers the funds it owes to the women's organization.

The rift was caused by the Histadrut's failure to pay Na'amat some NIS 18.5 million as part of its 1995 and 1996 budgets.

Na'amat Chairperson Ofra Friedman said yesterday that the funds are urgently needed to pay Na'amat's workers, to fund the legal services bureau for working women and to operate the recently opened battered women's shelter.

Histadrut Treasurer Shmuel Avital confirmed the debt and said he would try to "deal with it."

The Histadrut Parliament yesterday approved the leadership's decision to close down most of the 80 local labor councils, fire 600 more workers and lower senior officials' wages.

Michal Yudelman

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